



PARISH OF
SS. PETER & PAUL
Athlone, Drum & Clonown

Weekly Newsletter

May 11th 2025/ Fourth Sunday of Easter / Good Shepherd Sunday



My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. give them eternal life, and they shall never perish.

John 10:27-28

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Baptism, Confirmation & Marriage Certificates
are issued from the Sacristy (090 6494 150)

Drum Mass Intentions for May 10th to May 18th.

Sat. 10th - 11am First Holy Communion -
Ardkeen N.S.
- 8 pm (JW) James and Martin Kelly, Clonbulia.
Also, parents John & Ellen Kelly.
Sun. 11th - 10 am (CE) Gerry Collins, Rooskey
- 1st Anniversary.
Tues. 13th - 7 pm (JW) Brenda Duffy, Meehambee
- Month's Mind.
Thurs. 15th - 7 pm (JW) Kieran Brien, Kielty.
Sat. 17th - 11am First Holy Communion -
Summerhill N.S.
- 8 pm (JD) Annie Hogg, Crannaghmore.
Sun. 18th - 10 am (JW) Maura Meehan, Ardbrae Park,
Athlone.

SS Peter & Paul Church Mass Intentions

Saturday 10th May to Sunday 17th May 2025

ALL MASSES ARE LIVE-STREAMED on www.churchservices.tv/athlone

Saturday 9.30am (CE) Also Live Streamed
For all our parishioners living overseas.

10th May 6.30pm Vigil (CE) Also Live Streamed
Bernie King (née Wykes) -
1st Anniversary.
Ned & Esther Egan & deceased family members.

Sunday 9.00am (JD) Also Live Streamed
11th May 12.00pm (JD) Also Live Streamed
People of the Parish
Thomas & Elizabeth Studdert.
Larry Fagan. Eduard Nieradka.
Jan Zak.

Monday 9.30am (CE) Also Live Streamed
12th May Mass, Novena & Benediction
Mary, Maureen & Frank Sherlock.

Tuesday 9.30am (CE) Also Live Streamed
For all those mourning a loss.

Wednesday 9.30am (JW) Also Live Streamed
For Peace in our World.

14th May 6.00pm (JD) Blessed Sacrament Chapel.
Thursdays 9.30am (JD) Also Live Streamed
Rose Morgan.
Catherine & William Heavey.

Friday 9.30am (JD) Also Live Streamed
16th May 7.30pm
For all those who are sick in hospital.
(CE) Also Live Streamed
Eileen Henry - Iona Park.
Matt & Gretta Darcy.
Nancy & John Lennon and deceased family members.
John, Vera & PJ Coleman.

Saturday 9.30am (JD) Also Live Streamed
17th May 11am First Holy Communion -
Cloonakilla NS.
6.30pm Vigil (JW) Also Live Streamed
Sean Hegarty - Month's Mind.
Elizabeth (Liz) Shiel -
1st Anniversary.
Larry, Joe & Jimmy Blackweir.
Sydney Slamon - Baylough
& Slamon and Lavell families.

Sunday 9.00am (CE) Also Live Streamed
18th May 12.00pm (CE) Also Live Streamed
People of the Parish
Jimmy Lennon - 32 St. Coman's Pk.
Michael Hannon & his daughter
Mary & grandson Michael Francis Quain.

First Holy Communion

Please keep the pupils from our schools in your prayers as they receive their First Holy Communion in May;
Saturday May 17th **Summerhill N.S.** @ 11am in St. Brigid's Church, Drum.
Saturday May 24th **St. Peter's & Dean Kelly N.S.** @ 11am in St. Peter & Paul's Church.
Saturday May 24th **Cornafulla N.S.** @ 11am in St. Brigid's Church, Drum.

May it be a very special encounter with Christ.

Clonown Mass Intentions for May 11th to May 18th.



May 11th 11.15am (JW) Margaret and Michael Fallon,
Carricknaughton & deceased family members.
May 18th 11.15am (JD) Tommy and Frank Ward,
Currnaboll.

To Contact the Priest on Duty Call 085 870 5840 www.athloneparish.ie

The 4th Sunday of Easter is also known as Good Shepherd Sunday / Vocations Sunday.

The readings focus on Jesus as the Good Shepherd and how His followers are called to listen and follow Him.

- **Jesus as Shepherd:** Jesus calls Himself the Good Shepherd who knows His sheep. This shows His care and protection for us.
- **Listening to Jesus:** Jesus says His sheep hear His voice. We are called to listen to His teachings and follow His guidance.
- **Salvation for All:** In Revelation, a great multitude stands before God. This emphasizes that salvation is offered to everyone.
- **Faithful Witnesses:** Paul and Barnabas speak boldly about Jesus in Acts. They show us the importance of spreading the Good News.
- **Endurance in Faith:** The Book of Revelation speaks of those who have come out of great tribulation. This encourages us to stay faithful despite challenges.
- **Eternal Life:** Jesus promises eternal life to His followers. This reminds us of the hope and reward of following Him.

These themes help us understand our relationship with Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

They also encourage us to listen, follow, and remain faithful to Him.

Parish Appointments

Fr. Christopher has been recalled to Nigeria by his Order, he will be departing on May 26th. Fr. Christopher has been with us since last Summer and we thank him for his example and deep sense of spirituality during his time with us.

We wish Fr. Christopher well as he continues his mission with his Order "The Missionary Society of St. Paul".

An appointment to the parish will take place in due course.

Other moves;

Fr. Glenn who worked in our Parish in 2021 / 2022 will also return to his home diocese in the Philippines. We also thank him for his time with us and wish him well in the future.

Pilgrimages this Summer

On August 23rd 2025 we are planning a one day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg, Booking of places will open in June.

Youth / Young Adult Pilgrimage to Rome only 5 places left, details on www.elphindiocese.ie

www.elphindiocese.ie/event/young-adult-pilgrimage-to-italy/

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome October 22nd to October 27th for full details check out

www.joewalshtours.ie/tours/elphin-diocesan-pilgrimage-to-rome/

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes August 29th to September 3rd for full details check out

www.joewalshtours.ie/tours/elphin-and-achonry-diocesan-pilgrimage-to-lourdes/



Assisted Pilgrim Section. Those who travel as part of the Assisted Pilgrim Section will stay in Accueil Notre Dame, which is situated near the Grotto and Sanctuary area. They will be cared for by the Elphin Diocesan Pilgrimage Care Team whilst in Lourdes. Application forms for the Assisted Pilgrim Section and full details are available from Very Rev. Ray Milton, P.P., Pilgrimage Director, St. John's, Lecarrow, Co. Roscommon. (Telephone – 090 6661115).

Closing date for receipt of completed Application Forms is Friday, 16th June 2025.

Youth Section Nominees aged between 17 to 20 are welcome to participate. Nominees must be 17 yrs or over on the 20th Aug '25.

Youth must be nominated through their Priest/Chaplain. Forms are available from the local parish office & returned by

24th May'25. All nominees will be representing their parish & expected to participate fully in the Pilgrimage Itinerary.

Dean Kelly N.S. School 100 Year Celebration

Calling past pupils, staff & acquaintances of Dean Kelly N.S.

We are hosting a reunion while also having a special celebration of 100 years of education in the Shamrock Lodge hotel on Sunday 1st June. Reconnect with old friends, enjoy some music and light refreshments. Tickets are €10. Available from the school, hotel or Eventbrite.

There will be a Past pupils Football Match on 1st June @ 11am in St. Peter's FC, contact Noelle **087 4175893**.

Community Employment Vacancies

St. Peter's Parish C.E. Project CLG., St. Peter's Parish Centre,

Chapel Street, Athlone. N37YX27 Tel: 090 6493270

The Following Community Employment Positions are available on our Project.

Job Ref:	Position / Project Area
2389572	Caretaker/Grounds person Clonown Church & Parish Hall.
2389578	Caretaker/Grounds-person Drum Church & Parish Hall.
2389582	Caretaker/Grounds-person Gentex Football Club.
2383867	Caretaker/Grounds-person Monksland Community Centre.
2389585	Environmental Worker Monksland Tidy Towns.
2386397	Caretaker/Grounds-person St. Peter's Church.
2389762	Administrator/Co. Ordinator Athlone Drug Awareness Group.

Please note that you must be eligible for Community Employment in order to apply for the above positions. A person that is between the ages of 50 - 61 and signing for credits for more than one year may also be eligible to participate on a CE programme. For more information please contact the above number Monday to Friday between 9am To 1pm.

A video on CE can be seen in the "What's Going On" section of the Jobsireland website, at end of the homepage.

The FREE annual Disability and Older people's services and information event is taking place on Monday 19th May from 10.00am to 1.30pm in the Bloomfield House Hotel Mullingar Co. Westmeath. All welcome. For further information please contact Linda-Jo Quinn at Westmeath Community Development 087 250 0161. To book your place ring WCD reception on **044 93 48571**.

St. Peter & Paul's Church Choir

Are looking for new members to join the choir. If you are interested please contact PJ Stacey **087 2486206** or the Sacristy **090 6494150** for further information.

PLEASE Pray For Pope Leo XIV

Recently Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of

Paul Parkes, Assumption Road.

Madeline Cassidy (née Tighe), River Village.

Patrick (Patsy) Roughneen, Athlone/Mayo.

Mary Ann (Molly) McLoughlin, Clare Hill, Moate.

May they rest in the peace of Christ.

Ss. Peter & Paul's Church Weekly

Offertory Collection

May 4th € 1,495.

Thank you for your ongoing contributions and generosity.

If you wish to set up a weekly / monthly

standing order for your contribution

(Please ensure you include your envelope number in the narrative section)

Ss Peter & Pauls Church IBAN IE68 AIBK 9322 6436 857014 BIC AIBKIE2D

St. Brigid's Church IBAN IE92 AIBK 9322 6411 809048 BIC AIBKIE2D

Clonown Church IBAN IE46 AIBK 9322 6406 860063 BIC AIBKIE2D

Support of the Priests IBAN IE69 AIBK 9322 6436 857287 BIC AIBKIE2D